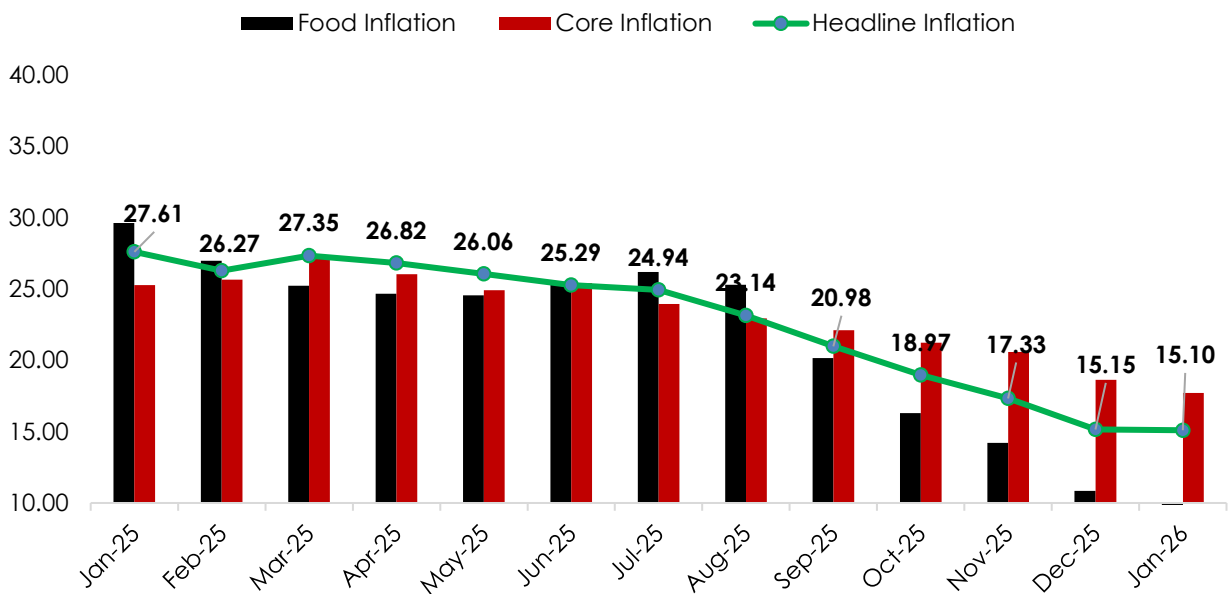


## Headline Inflation Declines to 15.10% in January

Headline inflation eased marginally to 15.10% in January 2026 from 15.15% in December 2025, reflecting a 5-basis point moderation. On a year-on-year basis, inflation declined significantly by 1,251 basis points from 27.61% recorded in January 2025, underscoring the impact of favourable base effects and improving price dynamics. On a month-on-month basis, headline inflation contracted to -2.88%, a sharp 342 basis point decline compared to the 0.54% recorded in December 2025, indicating broad-based decline in the general price level relative to the preceding month.

Food inflation moderated significantly to 8.89% year-on-year in January 2026 from 29.63% in January 2025. On a month-on-month basis, food inflation declined to - 6.02%, compared to - 0.36% contraction in December 2025. The decline was largely driven by lower average prices of key staples such as water yam, eggs, green peas, groundnut oil, soya beans, palm oil, maize, guinea corn, beans, beef, egusi, cassava tuber, and cowpeas, among others.

Core inflation, which excludes volatile agricultural produce and energy, stood at 17.72% year-on-year in January 2026, compared with 25.27% in January 2025. On a month-on-month basis, core inflation fell to -1.69%, representing a 226-basis point decline from the 0.58% recorded in December 2025, indicating easing price pressures across non-food components. [Read more](#)



## **OUTLOOK**

Headline inflation is expected to maintain its downward trajectory in the near term, supported by strong Naira appreciation, stable energy prices, improved supply conditions, and favourable base effects, although structural pressures may trigger short-term fluctuations. Ahead of the MPC meeting, the CBN is likely to maintain its hold stance while closely monitoring money supply growth, pre-election spending, and global developments. Overall, policy direction is expected to remain cautious to preserve recent price stability.

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